COVID-19 Update: Los Angeles County Announces Reopening of Personal Care & Recreational Services with Safeguards; and State Public Health Department Mandates Face Coverings.

Monterey Park, Calif. - June 19, 2020 - The City of Monterey Park continues to follow the lead of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in implementing protocols to protect the health and safety of the Monterey Park community. Los Angeles County is still under a "Safer at Work and In the Community" order and public and private gatherings of people outside of a single household unit are not permitted except for public protests and faith-based services.

According to the Los Angeles County website, the County is moving forward in its Roadmap to Recovery by reopening additional personal and recreational services including nail salons, bars and casinos. Getting a manicure, a massage or a tattoo, or going to a card room will be a different experience than it was before the pandemic. Each sector reopening will have strict infection control directives in place. Please see below for highlights from each sector.

The Health Officer Order has been modified to include infection control and distancing requirements for re-opening the following sectors on Friday, June 19:

Guidelines for Reopening

- All employees and customers will be screened for symptoms, including cough and fever. Anyone feeling unwell should stay home.
- Customers must wear a face covering at all times, unless exempted for a particular service.
- Physical distancing must be maintained and capacity will be limited.
- Waiting rooms will be limited or closed and amenities, such as magazines, will be removed.
- Reservations are required for personal services.
- Contactless forms of payments are encouraged.

Nail Services

- Staff must wear a cloth face covering at all times. Staff may be required to wear a respirator, which is
 necessary when ventilation is insufficient to reduce exposure below permissible exposure limits
 established in state code.
- For certain procedures workers may need to wear, in addition to their face covering, a face shield and gloves.
- You may not receive multiple services, for example a manicure and a pedicure, at the same time.
- Reservations are required.

Esthetician, Skin Care, Electrolysis and Cosmetology Services

- Customers must wear face coverings at all times while in the facility, except when the face covering
 must be removed for the performance of services involving that part of the face.
- In addition to face coverings, staff are required to wear a face shield when they are providing services that do not enable the client to wear a face covering. Staff should also wear disposable gloves throughout the entire esthetic service.

Massage Services

- Staff must wash their hands before any services are provided.
- Customers must wear face coverings during the entirety of the massage service.
- Hand treatments will be provided as the last part of the service.

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Tattoo and Piercing Services

- Gloves are required throughout the tattoo and piercing sessions.
- Mouth/nose area piercings and tattooing are suspended.

Card rooms

Occupancy is limited to 50%, and food and beverages are only allowed at restaurants and bars.

Bars and wineries

- Bars and wineries may serve only alcohol and the establishment does not need to be affiliated with food services, as the previous order required.
- Customers will not be able to order drinks at the bar or counter.
- Capacity is limited to 50% and customers will need to be seated to order and consume beverages.
- No entertainment is allowed.

These businesses will be able to open, in some cases at limited capacity, once they have the appropriate infection control and distancing requirements in place. In addition, protests and faith-based services held outdoors will no longer have limits on how many people can participate, starting Friday, June 19.

Los Angeles County remains in Phase 3 of the State's Resilience Roadmap. However, this does not mean the threat of COVID-19 is gone. If at any time, the County's rate of infection and other key metrics demonstrate a rapid acceleration of new cases that threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system, the Department of Public Health and the Board of Supervisors may need to limit future re-openings or close reopened sectors.

Still closed are movie theaters, live performance theaters, entertainment centers, concert halls and venues, stadiums, arenas, gaming facilities, theme parks, lounges and nightclubs, hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas not located on a residential property and festivals.

In addition, the California Department of Public Health announced that all must wear face covering in common and public indoor spaces and outdoors when distancing is not possible. The Guidance for the use of Face Coverings issued by the State Public Health Officer mandates that face coverings be worn statewide and is not a substitute for existing guidance about social distancing and hand washing.

The City of Monterey Park will continue to monitor Health Officer Orders and will provide accurate and timely updates to the community as information becomes available. Please continue to check the City's website for updates at www.montereypark.ca.gov/coronavirus.

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